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ASSOCIATED REFORMED CHURCH (Old Scotch Church) at York, New York. Built in 1825, enlarged and steeple added in 1837. In 1891 converted into an "Opera House" and steeple removed and gilt dome added. Burned 1926. Original from Miss Mary R. Root, LeRoy, New York.



LISBON UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Original from Rev. Chas. G. Mann, Clarion, Iowa.





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“Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
And never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
And days o’auld lang syne?”



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## Andrew and Agnes McKerrow Howitt and Their Descendents

MORE than a century having passed since Andrew and Agnes McKerrow Howitt left Scotland and made their home in America it seemed of interest, while sources of information were available, to make some permanent record of their life-history and that of their immediate descendants. This study was actuated by the almost universal interest in the character and activities of one's ancestors and it was only after the information from scattered sources had been accumulated that it was decided to put it in permanent form in the hope that it might be of interest and perhaps of use to present and future generations. Unfortunately the family records which were among the effects of the late John Howitt, the youngest and the last to survive of the original family, were destroyed by fire some ten years ago. This has necessitated search for original records, which were widely scattered. References to these are given for the benefit of any who may wish them. Mrs. Matthew Howitt has contributed facts and dates relating to the early period. Much help has been given by George McKerrow and Jennie Weaver Dean. They are the only ones of the eight surviving grandchildren of Andrew and Agnes Howitt who have a personal remembrance of their grandparents. They have freely contributed from their recollections and from what was told them by their parents, aunts and uncles. Information concerning the Old Scotch Church at York was obtained through the courtesy of Miss Mary R. Root, LeRoy, New York, who had copied the church records before the fire some ten years ago. She furnished much information from her copies and also sent a picture of the old church building which was subsequently burned. The picture was taken after the removal of the steeple and when a dome had been added. The artist has replaced the steeple but the dome shows through. The background of the





description is constructed from vivid recollections of boyhood and early youth when most of the second generation were living and active. In the compilation of the genealogic portion numerous descendents have given much help. In a few instances details regarding dates, etc. could not be secured. The descendents are so widely scattered that it may interest many to know where their relatives are located. This information as to some has been given in a separate list. Pictures of the sons and daughters of Andrew and Agnes Howitt have been reproduced so far as they could be obtained. Of the parents and two of the children none could be found. When any selection was offered, pictures taken earlier in life have been used in preference to those taken later. Of the 140 descendents of Andrew and Agnes Howitt among whom were four pairs of twins, 104 are living, and 10 male descendents bear the name Howitt.

The spelling of the name has varied at different times. In the lease between Andrew Howitt and James Wadsworth, signed in 1844, the signature is Andrew Howat, the first land entered from the Government in Wisconsin in 1846 is in the name of Andrew Howit, but when additional land was entered in 1849, the present spelling appeared and was used afterwards. There is a family tradition that the Howats originally came from Holland to England. Andrew Howitt was the son of George Howitt, a farmer and native of Scotland. A younger half brother of Andrew migrated to Australia where the descendents now live at Melbourne. Agnes McKerrow was the daughter of James McKerrow of Ayrshire, Scotland. The McKerrow family has long been prominent in the district in agriculture and the professions, one of the members, Matthew Henry McKerrow, having recently retired after serving 27 years as Chamberlain of Dumfries. In this picturesque district of lowland Scotland with its many associations in the life and writings of Robert Burns, Andrew Howitt and Agnes McKerrow were born, and married in 1815. Except for a few months they lived here until they reached middle life, and here eight of their eleven children were born. Andrew Howitt was a cabinetmaker by trade. About 1825 the parents with four children emigrated to Canada where





AGNES (HOWITT) TEMPLETON RODGERS (1816-1876)  
AND ARCHIBALD RODGERS  
*Probably taken about 1870*







Andrew resumed his trade. Just where they located has not been learned. They were not content in their new situation, Agnes being very home-sick, and they returned to Scotland in 1826, before their fifth child was born. The Government census for the Town of Lisbon, Waukesha Co., Wisconsin, for 1860 and 1870 give Scotland as the place of birth of all the children except the three youngest. By 1834 their children had increased to eight and the former desire to improve their opportunities in a new country returned. An older sister of Agnes had married and was living in Western New York, and this probably influenced them in selecting a location.\*

In 1834, the parents with their eight children, from two to eighteen years of age, came to the United States through New York City. Soon after their arrival, their second child, a boy of about 15 years, George by name, died from some acute epidemic disease with marked intestinal symptoms. As there was an extensive epidemic of cholera in New York in 1832, it is not unlikely that his death may have been due to this disease. Their final location was in Avon township, Livingston County, New York. Here in the beautiful Genesee Valley they found themselves in congenial surroundings, many Scotch having preceded them, one colony at Caledonia going back to 1798. Upon coming to New York Andrew Howitt became an agriculturist, and for many years he successfully cultivated an improved farm which he leased from James Wadsworth and later from his son Wm. W. Wadsworth. James Wadsworth and his brother Wm. Wadsworth in 1790 had bought 6000 acres of land near Geneseo at from 8 to 50 cents per acre. Wm. Wadsworth was Major General in the War of 1812. James Wadsworth had extensive

\*JANE McKERROW (1786-1861) married Wm. Nichol (1784-1824), a native of Cumnock, Scotland. They had one daughter, Jane (1821-1891), who married Niel Stewart. About 1828 Jane McKerrow Nichol married Alexander Reid (1780-1838). They had one son, Alexander Reid (1829-1897). The above information is from markers in Pleasant Cemetery, York, N. Y. In the 1825 census, Jane Nichol appears as the head of the family and the owner of 45 acres of land together with cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. The farm was about 1½ miles from York Center. Among the first names appearing in the records of the Associated Reformed Church at York, which begin in 1821, are William and Jane Nichol. Niel Stewart and his wife became members of the church in 1841. This information was kindly furnished by Miss Mary R. Root.





holdings of land in Livingston County, was a graduate of Yale College, and is said to have been a kindly landlord who treated his tenants exceedingly well, sometimes remitting their rent in bad years. The farm occupied by the Howitts was in the district known as Sugarberry in the southwest part of the township of Avon. It consisted of 197 acres, of which 51 were wooded. The rent in 1844 was 231 bushels of wheat and \$116.88 cash. The district had a reputation for its "Genesee wheat." The family had not been here long when they became connected with the Associated Reformed Church ("Old Scotch Church") at York. In 1836 Rev. Alexander Blaikie was installed as pastor and during that year the names of Andrew and Agnes Howitt were enrolled. As years passed the names of the older children appeared, Nancy (Agnes) in 1837, Jane in 1843, Mary in 1846, and Andrew in 1853. On Nov. 25, 1841, Nancy Howitt was married to Andrew Templeton, Rev. Blaikie officiating. The first of the family to go to Wisconsin were Andrew and Agnes Howitt Templeton. In 1843 they came by the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes to Milwaukee, bringing their 6 months' old son, and located on 160 acres of wild land, comprising the S E  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, Lisbon township, Waukesha County. They built a log house and began to improve the land. However Andrew Templeton lived but a short time, dying June 8, 1846, leaving a widow with two young sons. As he does not appear on the records as owner of the land, it is probable that he had not completed payment. To protect the home of his daughter, Andrew Howitt entered 120 acres of the same land from the Government June 19, 1846, and on Sept. 27, 1849 he entered an additional 40 acres. This comprised in all the S E  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28. In 1847 a brother, James, and sister, Mary, came to Wisconsin and lived with Agnes, and continued to develop the farm. In 1850 or 1851 Gavin and Elizabeth Howitt McKerrow came to Lisbon and settled on 80 acres of land (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ , S W  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 33, town of Lisbon) which had been purchased in June, 1850. In the autumn of 1852, Gavin McKerrow died, leaving a son, George, 7 months of age. Elizabeth McKerrow now returned to New York and lived with her parents and her name





appears in the church records at York in 1854. Dec. 25, 1851, a double union was established between the Howitt family and that of James Weaver, Sr., another early settler in an adjoining English colony, by the marriage of James Howitt to Elizabeth Ann Weaver, and of William Weaver to Mary Howitt. About 1850 Agnes Templeton married Archibald Rodgers, and she moved from the old home to a farm upon which her husband had received a patent Nov. 4, 1846, comprising the W  $\frac{1}{2}$ , S E  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, Town of Lisbon. Oct. 11, 1857, Agnes and Archibald Rodgers deeded to the Trustees of the Lisbon Central Cemetery the land since occupied by it and in which lie the remains of most of the early Scotch settlers of the region. James Howitt continued to live on the land owned by his father, and in 1856 Andrew and Agnes Howitt deeded to him the 80 acres situated in the E  $\frac{1}{2}$ , S E  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 28. While the older children of the Howitt family were removing to Wisconsin and establishing themselves there, the parents remained in New York, apparently to give the advantage of improved schools to the younger children. The common schools were excellent, and the Geneseo Academy, which Andrew Howitt, Jr. attended for four years, was for nearly half a century one of the most prosperous and useful academies in the state. In 1846 it had superseded the Livingston County High School which had been incorporated in 1827, and in 1849 it passed under the control of the Synod of Buffalo and became a Presbyterian school.

In 1856 Andrew and Agnes Howitt with the remainder of their children came to Wisconsin and established themselves on their farm. The log house, which had been built by Andrew Templeton in 1843, was situated on the top of a hill and was visible for some distance. This became the homestead of the Howitt family until it passed from the descendents in 1882. It is likely that this district, with its beautiful hills and valleys, was selected as a home because it recalled memories of the Scottish country, while the English settlers from Kent chose the more level land to the east. Before James Howitt moved to Missouri in 1859, he redeeded to his father most of the land he had received from him. In the log house below were two rooms,







JAMES HOWITT (1823-1899)  
*Probably taken about 1860*



the "but and the ben." In the "but" or front room, with its stone fireplace, were a four-poster, spinning wheel and tall clock which had been brought from Scotland and still keeps time and is in the possession of George McKerrow. Cabinets in two corners contained the beautiful white and blue china and in front of them stood the grandmother's rocking chair, and the grandfather's hickory arm chair. On the wall hung large portraits of General Washington and President Lincoln. In the "ben" or rear room was a four-poster and a large chest of drawers with a cabinet above. Above there were two rooms, one serving as sleeping quarters for the boys of the family, the other being used as a store room with two large chests, the contents of which were always a source of wonderment to the younger generation. At the foot of the hill, and some distance from the house, was the well which furnished water for domestic purposes. The water was drawn with an old oaken bucket and sweep.

Hard work was the lot of these early settlers. Virgin land must be broken with teams of oxen, stones left by the glaciers must be collected and removed, rails must be split from the oak trees for the construction of fences, and the stumps of trees must be taken out. Grain was sown by hand, cut with a sickle and later with a cradle, raked and bound by hand and threshed with a flail, the wing being utilized for the removal of the chaff. Hay was cut with a scythe and raked with a hand rake. Potatoes and corn were planted by hand, and cultivated with a hoe. The nearest market at Milwaukee was twenty miles distant and reached over poor wagon roads which were impassable part of the year. Within the house the women were also fully occupied. They spun the yarn and knit stockings and mittens for the family, and made most of the clothes worn by themselves, the men and the children. Butter was made with a simple dasher-churn, operated by hand. The candles for the house were cast in moulds from tallow tried out from the fat of sheep. The cooking was carried out over the fire in the fireplace in pots and kettles suspended on an iron crane. Later, a cast iron stove was installed in front of the fireplace.





The characteristic Scottish interest in religious matters was well exemplified in the Howitt family. The parents and older children were fundamentalists and accepted the teaching of the Bible literally. Religion was a serious and personal concern. Family prayers were performed. They always staunchly supported the United Presbyterian Church. In 1848 the Associated Reformed Congregation of Lisbon was organized by the Rev. James R. Bonner of the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church. Agnes Howitt Templeton was one of the first members. In 1858 the name was changed to the United Presbyterian Church. Because of the location in school section No. 16, the church was long known as the "Sixteen Church," and the district as "Sixteen." In this church the Howitts united in worship with the numerous other Scotch settlers of the neighborhood. The psalms were "lined" by the elders, sitting apart from the rest of the congregation, in their deep voices with strong Scottish dialect, and it was not until the third generation was grown that an organ was allowed in the church. The Scottish love for music was satisfied by the singing of the "Psalms of David in Metre," those remarkable writings which for thousands of years have furnished inspiration to the sects of three religions. The puritanical ideas of the Scotch Presbyterians appeared in vigorous opposition to the use of tobacco and alcoholics, to dancing, card games, secret societies and the theatre. Reading of novels was discouraged. The cultivation of hops which were used in the manufacture of beer and which were a source of much income to their English neighbors were not grown by them. The Sabbath was a solemn day for spiritual edification and all secular occupations and amusements were rigidly interdicted. Even the food for Sunday consumption was, so far as possible, prepared on Saturday. While the Howitts were very conscientious in matters of religion they were kindly, cordial, sympathetic, intensely loyal and loving to their families and neighbors and possessed an uncommon appreciation of humor. The characteristic Scottish trait of eagerness for learning was well developed. Andrew Howitt was well educated and intelligently informed on all current matters. To his children he gave every





opportunity for education within his power. Three of his sons became school teachers. Andrew and George taught country schools before they entered the army. John was for several years the successful teacher in the school at Sussex, where he was succeeded by his nephew, George McKerrow. These two men were superior examples of the forceful teachers of the period who worked on farms in the summer and taught school in the winter. They were strict disciplinarians and any large boys who thought they could "put the teachers out" soon found they had made a mistake. These teachers exerted a lasting, beneficial influence over the younger generation and many successful men traced the elements of their success to the influence of these teachers in the brick schoolhouse. In later generations the girls have furnished many successful teachers in graded and district schools. Three of Andrew Howitt's daughters who lived in Lisbon together furnished seven students to Carroll College at Waukesha, four being boys. The next generation furnished several others. Being well informed on all public matters, the Howitts were always much interested in things related to public affairs. In recognition of their ability, aided by their cordial relationship with those about them, several were elected to public office in which they served with credit. They always supported the Republican party. The Howitt boys were fond of a good horse, a taste probably developed on the Wadsworth farm in New York. Two of the sons died in the Union Army during the American Civil War, and a third survived after service in a Missouri regiment. The women of the Howitt family were efficient and industrious and possessed strength of character and courage, but beneath and running through it all there was a gentleness and sympathy for all about them which endeared them to the younger generation. The story of Margaret Ogilvy, the mother of J. M. Barrie, as depicted by him, reminds one of the characteristics and experiences of some of these women. The same qualities in the men were also apparent, but as is usual in the case of men, the sterner qualities were more evident and intimate contact and unusual circumstances were needed to bring out the others. There was great loyalty within the family,





ELIZABETH (HOWITT) MCKERROW (1826-1904)  
*Taken about 1854*





and family gatherings were always very jolly affairs. Among the Howitts and their Scotch neighbors one could recognize characters very like those so graphically depicted by Ian Maclaren. The pioneer ancestors of the Howitt family died about eight months apart in 1867 and their bodies lie together in the Lisbon Central Cemetery.

“But they are gone,—the old plantocracy,—  
 They’ve withered from the green-wood, one and all;  
 Above their dust the wind howls dolefully,  
 And the last coon-skin moulders on the wall;  
 All, all, are gone,—and darkness like a pall,  
 Steals o’er the mem’ry of the pioneers;  
 We drink the honey, where they quaffed the gall,  
 We reap the fruitage of their bitter years,  
 And o’er their slumbers deep, outpour the meed of tears.”

—“*The Pioneers*” by Jas. Newton Matthews





# Andrew and Agnes McKerrow Howitt and Their Descendents

ANDREW HOWITT, born in Ayrshire, Scotland, September 17, 1791, died in Lisbon township, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, January 7, 1867.

AGNES (McKERROW) HOWITT, born in Ayrshire, Scotland, November 1, 1798, died in Lisbon township, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, September 18, 1867.

They were married in Scotland in 1815, and came to Livingston County, New York in 1834, and to Wisconsin in 1856.

## 1. AGNES (Mar. 21, 1816--Mar. 25, 1876)

Born in Ayrshire, Scotland. Came to Livingston County, New York in 1834, and to Wisconsin in 1843.

Married ANDREW TEMPLETON (1799--June 8, 1846)

Born near Kilmarnock, Scotland. A book of records, kept by him, was written at "Woodside," Scotland and extends from 1817 to 1832. It contains short entries of farm work and accounts. There is a record of collections made by him as collator of Auchinleck Bible Association for 1825. There are also some "religious exercises" and poetry, the latter expressing some fine sentiments. In 1839 he sailed to Canada, was employed for a time on the Erie Canal at Lockport and later located in Livingston County where he married Agnes Howitt November 25, 1841.

## 1. JAMES (Oct. 28, 1842--July 13, 1924)

Born in Livingston County, New York. When 6 months of age came with parents to Wisconsin. Successfully conducted for many years a general store at Sussex, and later at Templeton, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. He was postmaster at each place for many years. He was active in securing the right of way for the Wisconsin Central Railroad and the station of Templeton on that road was named for him. He owned and successfully operated





a grain elevator at Templeton and dealt in grain. He was a public spirited and popular citizen. Married ESTHER COOLING (Mar. 28, 1848–Nov. 2, 1928) Sept. 1, 1868.

1. ANDREW RICHARD (Mar. 11, 1870–Oct. 15, 1935)

Successful grain operator. Twice president Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, Milwaukee representative Armour Company for many years. Life member Milwaukee Athletic Club. Married MARY JONES (Sept. 27, 1870) Sept. 6, 1893.

a. HAROLD JAMES (June 25, 1894) Graduate Milwaukee High School

Married LUCILLE LOWENBACH (Aug. 30, 1896) Sept. 2, 1917

a. Jas. Cooling (May 30, 1919)

b. Norma (Apr. 22, 1922)

2. CORA E. (Nov. 10, 1878)

Married O. H. LOWE (Apr. 2, 1880) Aug. 2, 1904

a. LORAINÉ (Aug. 1, 1905)

Married GORDON BAU (Feb. 24, 1905)

b. JAMES (Sept. 3, 1908)

2. ANDREW (June 3, 1844–May 7, 1931)

Born in Lisbon, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. Married MARY CONANT (Aug. 4, 1843–Aug. 15, 1913) Jan. 1, 1874

1. KITTIE (Dec. 25, 1868–Jan. 15, 1921)

Married FRANK MURPHY ( –1937)

1. AGNES HOWITT TEMPLETON married ARCHIBALD RODGERS (Sept. 27, 1809–May 16, 1891) about 1850 (2nd marriage)

1. GEORGE R. (Feb. 29, 1851–Aug. 29, 1871)

Attended Carroll College 1869

2. AGNES STEEL (Apr. 29, 1853–Dec. 7, 1885)

Married ALEXANDER TURNER (Dec. 25, 1847–June 2, 1932) Oct. 17, 1872

1. GEORGE ALEXANDER (Nov. 13, 1873)

Married EDITH ELIZABETH LAMB ( –June 23, 1902)

Married CHARLOTTE JOHNSON (July 10, 1875) June 21, 1905







MARY (HOWITT) WEAVER (1828-1874)  
AND HER SON ANDREW JAMES  
*Taken 1855*





- a. AGNES LAURA (Feb. 15, 1907)  
Married CARL DEBELLY (July 25, 1894) Mar. 17, 1928
    - a. Carl George (Dec. 21, 1928)
    - b. Grace Elizabeth (May 16, 1930)
    - c. William Dean (June 4, 1932)
  - b. CHARLOTTE GRACE (Mar. 15, 1908)  
Married CHARLES APEL (Apr. 27, 1892) May 29, 1930
    - a. Charles Turner (Apr. 28, 1931)
    - b. Francis Earle (Apr. 7, 1935)
2. JAMES ARCHIBALD (Jan. 31, 1876)  
Married MINNIE STELLA GOODNOE (Dec. 14, 1876) Mar. 4, 1907
  - a. WILLIAM JAMES (Apr. 25, 1909)  
Married MILDRED REBECCA OLSON (Sept. 24, 1909) June 5, 1934
    - a. James Edward (Nov. 2, 1936)
    - b. HOWARD EVERETT (Aug. 26, 1911)
3. ALEXANDER (Mar. 10, 1878-July 3, 1931)  
Married MAUDE WHEELOCK (Aug. 1, 1886) Jan. 10, 1906
  - a. ROBERT ALEXANDER (Dec. 4, 1906)  
Married MARIE ANTOINETTE FENSTERER Sept. 11, 1933
  - b. ELIZABETH (Oct. 15, 1908)  
Married GILBERT GUSTAFSON (Feb. 3, 1903) June 19, 1933
    - a. Robert Turner (Jan. 16, 1936)
  - c. MARIE JOSEPHINE (Jan. 11, 1911-May 13, 1926)
4. MARY ALICE (Sept. 17, 1880)  
Married FRANCIS GRAHAM (Jan. 29, 1881)
  - a. ROGER WILLIAMS (Oct. 1, 1906) Graduate Roberts High School. Attended Dunwoody Industrial Institute, Minneapolis, and Stout Institute, Menomonee, Wisconsin. Salesman Standard Oil Company.  
Married DOTTIE MAY HALEY (Mar. 19, 1906) June 29, 1931
    - a. Ronald Roger (Jan. 7, 1935)
  - b. FRANCIS JAMES (Jan. 16, 1909) Graduate Roberts High School and University of Alabama. Student at University of Wisconsin, Madison, for master's degree in Agriculture. Junior Statistician in Agriculture, Madison, Wisconsin.
  - c. GARDINER ALEXANDER (May 14, 1912) Graduate Roberts High School and University of Minnesota (Agriculture). Junior Agriculturist Minnesota Soil Conservation Service.
  - d. BRUCE DOUGLAS (Dec. 15, 1915) Graduate Roberts High School. Student at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin. Two years in University of Alabama. Entered Medical School of Alabama, 1937





JENNETT HOWITT (1830-1890)

*Taken about 1860*





5. AGNES IVY (Dec. 23, 1882)

Married WILLIAM ANGUS CLAPP (Dec. 7, 1884) Oct. 20, 1909

- a. WALLACE CHARLES (July 28, 1911)
- b. WILLIAM SUTHERLAND (Aug. 4, 1916)
- c. CONSTANCE AGNES (July 6, 1919)

3. JENNIE (Apr. 2, 1856–Oct. 26, 1914) Student at Carroll College

Married JAS. MARTIN VANCE (Oct. 9, 1853–Sept. 13, 1925) Oct. 24, 1878

1. JAMES TEMPLETON (Sept. 2, 1879)

Married JEANETTE McVICAR, June 14, 1904

- a. JEANETTE (Nov. 18, 1906–Feb. 19, 1920) Twin of James Angus
- b. JAMES ANGUS (Nov. 18, 1906) Graduate Eau Claire High School and State Teachers College. Teaches in high school.  
Married JULIA GILBERTSON, Nov. 28, 1933
  - a. Ruth (Sept. 10, 1934)
  - b. James (July 27, 1936)

2. JOHN ARCHIBALD (Jan. 29, 1881)

Married IDA MING, Mar. 8, 1903

- a. FLORENCE (Feb. 5, 1904) Graduate Eau Claire High School. Taught school.  
Married ALVIN FISHER
- b. CHESTER (July 27, 1906) Graduate Eau Claire High School. Electrician.
- c. EUNICE (June 30, 1909) Graduate Eau Claire High School and Eau Claire State Teachers College. Teacher.
- d. AUDREY (June 2, 1912)  
Married KUSSICK

Divorced—1925

Married ALICE PEIDON, 1926 (Second marriage)

- a. CHARLES (Aug. 28, 1927)

3. JESSE GEORGE (Mar. 15, 1883) Teaches in High School, Riverside, Illinois. Aug. 1, 1918 entered the 77th U. S. Infantry, 14th Division with commission as Chaplain. Oct. 8, 1918 thrown from horse and received fracture of hip. In hospital at Camp Custer, Michigan until honorably discharged May 1919.



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ANDREW HOWITT, JR. (1832-1862)

*Taken about 1860*





Married EMMA BOWMAN (Jan. 13, 1883) Sept. 11, 1912

a. ARDEN LOWELL (Aug. 19, 1914) Graduate High School. Electrician.

Married DORA GOFF (Nov. 30, 1914) Sept. 20, 1935

a. Adrian George (June, 1936)

4. ROY MARTIN (July 20, 1885)

Married AMANDA NELSON (Dec. 7, 1888) June 28, 1916

a. GEORGE (Mar. 22, 1923)

b. RALPH (Apr. 25, 1924)

c. WILLARD (July 27, 1926)

d. ROGER (Dec. 6, 1928)

e. DONALD (Feb. 8, 1931)

5. JENNIE BELLE (Aug. 7, 1891)

Married HENRY HUFFCUTT (Mar. 23, 1892) Mar. 26, 1919

6. WILLARD (Sept. 22, 1893-May 28, 1899)

7. CHAS. ANDREW (May 19, 1898-Dec. 24, 1907)

4. ISABELLE (July 14, 1858-Nov. 22, 1932)

Married GEORGE McKERROW (Apr. 1, 1852)

Descendents listed under name of husband.

2. JANE (Nov. 5, 1818-Sept. 11, 1883) Unmarried. A very intellectual woman with remarkable memory. She was the mainstay of the family.

3. GEORGE I. (1820-1834)

Died soon after family came to New York.

4. JAMES (Dec. 27, 1823-Aug. 27, 1899)

Born in Ayrshire, Scotland. Came to Livingston County, New York in 1834, and in 1847 removed to Lisbon township, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. Dec. 25, 1851 he married ELIZABETH ANN WEAVER (Dec. 27, 1831-Mar. 12, 1908), the daughter of James Weaver, Sr. of Sussex, Wisconsin. In 1859 he took his family to Andrew County, Missouri. On July 29, 1862 he was mustered into service in the 41st regiment, Co. H. Enrolled Missouri Militia as Corporal, and served four years. He had been a farmer in Wisconsin



and continued in this occupation in Missouri. In his district in Missouri he was a pioneer in the introduction and rearing of high-grade cattle.

1. AGNES ELIZABETH (Dec. 11, 1853-May 23, 1927)  
Born in Lisbon township, Waukesha County, Wisconsin.  
Married JAMES COLVILLE (July 26, 1853-Apr. 19, 1911)

1. EVA ANNE (June 10, 1884)

Married IRA COOK (Dec. 21, 1886-Aug. 20, 1923)  
Served in World War 1917-1919. Sailed for France Aug., 1918. Served 6 months overseas.

2. Twin son and daughter (Apr. 1, 1886-Apr. 3 and Apr. 21, 1886)

3. NETTIE PEARL (Dec. 7, 1893)

2. ANDREW JAMES (Aug. 5, 1856-Aug. 6, 1918)

Married EMMA JOHNSON (Aug. 25, 1856-Oct. 1, 1930)

1. RICHARD JAMES (Mar. 1, 1879-July 10, 1935)

Married SUSAN WILDISH (Nov. 13, 1883)

- a. RICHARD (Oct. 18, 1906)

- b. THELMA (Dec. 4, 1908)

Married ALVIN JOHNSON (Sept. 18, 1906)

- c. HAROLD (July 10, 1911)

Married MARGUERITE NELSON (Apr. 11, 1915)

- a. John Leslie (Oct. 26, 1936)

- d. ROGER (June 27, 1919)

- e. ANDREW (Sept. 17, 1916-Apr. 14, 1918)

2. MAYME ANN (Aug. 9, 1881-Dec. 16, 1918)

Married JAS. GIBSON (Jan. 19, 1883)

- a. CATHERINE (July 3, 1916)

Married OLIN GUEST (May, 1916)

- b. JAMES (Sept. 18, 1918)

3. NELLIE MAY (Mar. 18, 1884-Apr. 4, 1925)

Married EZRA GEBHART (Feb. 25, 1887)

- a. HELEN (Feb. 10, 1902)

Married LEROY LITTLE

- a. Caroline Sue (Sept. 1, 1935)

- b. DAVID (May 24, 1918) In U. S. Navy, Aug. 1936

- c. CHARLES (May 8, 1923)





4. BESSIE LEE (Dec. 3, 1886)  
 Married EARL BARTHOLOMEW (Aug. 13, 1884)
  - a. LeROY (June 27, 1907) Graduate Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, Milwaukee, and Chicago Musical College  
 Married ALMA LAND (July 4, 1911)
    - a. LeRoy, Jr. (June 8, 1929-July 23, 1929)
    - b. Ronalo Lee (Mar. 13, 1931)
  - b. VIRGINIA (June 25, 1911)  
 Married DONALD WILSON (Apr. 12, 1910)
    - a. Beverly Ann (June 8, 1933)
    - b. Donald, Jr. (Dec. 27, 1934)
  - c. ROBERT (Dec. 19, 1915)
  - d. EMMA JEAN (June 29, 1920)
  - e. BETTY JANE (Dec. 28, 1927)
5. SARAH (Nov. 12, 1889-Dec. 3, 1892)
6. FANNIE (Nov. 1892-Mar. 31, 1893)
7. FREDERICK GEORGE (Apr. 30, 1894)  
 Married HELEN GIBLER (Sept. 21, 1893)
  - a. FRANCES (June 1, 1917)
8. FERDINAND CHESLEY (Apr. 30, 1894) Twin of Frederick George  
 Married ALICE PEARCE (Nov. 6, 1898-May 27, 1924)
  - a. BYRON (Dec. 15, 1917) Student Tarkio College
 Married BESSIE BONHAM (2nd wife) (June 10, 1894)
  - a. BETTY Jo (July 27, 1929)
9. ROBERT GLENN (Nov. 15, 1897)  
 Married EDNA JOHNSON (Feb. 11, 1897-Apr. 5, 1933)
  - a. GORDON (Nov. 27, 1919)
  - b. DORIS ELLA (Nov. 29, 1921)
  - c. MAX JOHNSON (Jan. 4, 1926)
3. MARY JANE (Feb. 22, 1862-Apr. 27, 1862)
4. GEORGE (Apr. 4, 1864-Aug. 7, 1864)
5. JOHN (Feb. 21, 1868-Nov. 6, 1922) Bank cashier  
 Married JENNIE E. McALLISTER (Jan. 18, 1870)
  1. STELLA (July 27, 1890)  
 Married VIRGIL L. TOWNSEND (July 6, 1887)





GEORGE HOWITT (1836-1863)  
*Taken about 1860*





- a. F. MARION (Oct. 2, 1909)  
Married LETA MAY COOLEY (Aug. 9, 1915)
- a. Loris C. (Mar. 13, 1935)
- b. Francis E., Jr. (Sept. 26, 1936)
- b. JOSEPHINE V. (Sept. 27, 1913) School teacher
- c. ESTHER MARIE (July 12, 1927)
- d. JOHN WARREN (June 5, 1931)

5. ELIZABETH (1826-Jan. 5, 1904)

Born in Ayrshire, Scotland. Came to Livingston County, New York in 1834. In 1850 or 1851 she married GAVIN McKERROW, a native of Scotland and came to Town of Lisbon, Waukesha County, Wisconsin and settled on a farm bought in 1850. In 1852 Gavin McKerrow died, leaving a son 7 months old. Elizabeth McKerrow now returned to the home of her parents in New York where she remained until 1856 when she returned with them to Wisconsin.

1. GEORGE (April 1, 1852)

Attended Carroll College, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. A successful teacher in public schools. Prominent in the breeding and importing of fine live stock, especially sheep. For 20 years he was superintendent of the Wisconsin Farmers' Institute, for 13 years president of the Wisconsin State Board of Agriculture and 10 years president of the American Oxford Down Sheep Breeders' Association. He has been active in many movements affecting the farmers of Wisconsin. For some fifty years he has been an elder, Sunday school superintendent and Bible class teacher in the United Presbyterian Church of Lisbon. He married ISABELLE RODGERS (July 14, 1858-Nov. 22, 1932)

1. JENNIE BELLE (July 9, 1878-Jan. 31, 1898)

Graduate of Carroll College, efficient school teacher.

2. GEORGE RODGERS (Sept. 30, 1880-Jan. 23, 1899)

Studied in Carroll College.

3. WM. ARCHIBALD (Apr. 20, 1883-Jan. 5, 1922)

Graduate of Carroll College. Superintendent Live Stock Extension Minnesota Agricultural College, Sec. Minne-





sota Coöperative Live Stock Shippers Association,  
General Manager Central Live Stock Coöperative Co.

4. GAVIN WALTER (Sept. 8, 1893)

Sec. Wisconsin Guernsey Breeders Association, President and General Manager Golden Guernsey Coöperative Dairy, President American Oxford Down Sheep Breeders' Association.

Married CAROLYN H. SOMMERS (Dec. 18, 1899) Jan. 15, 1921

a. ISABELLE MILDRED (Mar. 1, 1922)

b. WM. ARCHIBALD (Aug. 15, 1923)

c. GEO. WALTER (Oct. 17, 1925)

d. HELEN JEAN (Feb. 11, 1928)

e. FLORENCE CAROLYN (Feb. 10, 1933)

In 1860 ELIZABETH HOWITT MCKERROW married WM. SIMPSON (1823- ) (Second marriage) They had no children.

6. MARY (Oct. 17, 1828-Jan. 3, 1874)

Born in Ayrshire, Scotland. Came to Livingston County, New York in 1834. In 1847 she went with her brother James to Town of Lisbon, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. After a visit to her parents she married WM. WEAVER (Oct. 3, 1824-May 25, 1907), a son of James Weaver, Dec. 25, 1851.

1. ANDREW JAMES (Apr. 10, 1853-Mar. 18, 1873)

Attended Carroll College.

2. JANE ELIZABETH (Oct. 30, 1856-Nov. 4, 1885)

Married HUGH COLVILLE

3. JENNETT (Nov. 19, 1860) Student at Carroll College, school teacher, expert cultivator and hybridizer of iris.

Married JOHN J. DEAN (Aug. 4, 1850-Sept. 27, 1929)

4. AGNES (Nov. 19, 1860-Apr. 9, 1861) Twin of Jennett

5. GEORGE HOWITT (Oct. 22, 1866) Graduate of Carroll College, M.D. (Rush Medical College, Chicago, 1889). Prof. Pathology Rush Medical College, Chicago.

Married CARRIE EARLE (Nov. 4, 1873)

6. MARY (Mar. 27, 1869) Student at Carroll College





Married LEWIS N. PECK (Sept. 2, 1864)

1. GEORGIA JENNETT (Aug. 1, 1899) Graduate Pomona College, efficient school teacher.

2. DOROTHY JANE (Oct. 1, 1903)

Married ARTHUR RAPHAEL TICE (Feb. 24, 1896)

a. GEORGIA MARIE (May 29, 1933)

7. JENNETT (Aug. 8, 1830-Dec. 9, 1890)

Married JOSEPH COOK (Sept. 9, 1819-May 30, 1884)

8. ANDREW, JR. (1832-Feb. 23, 1862)

Born in Ayrshire, Scotland. Came to Livingston County, New York with his parents in 1834. He was a student in the Geneseo Academy from 1853 to 1855. In 1856 he came to the Town of Lisbon, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. Here he taught school, served as superintendent of the schools of the township and was an elder in the Lisbon United Presbyterian Church. Early in the Civil War he enlisted at Milwaukee and was mustered in there, Oct. 14, 1861 as a private in Co. E, 10th Regiment Wisconsin Infantry. January 1862 he was detailed as a hospital nurse, and died in the hospital at Elizabethtown, Kentucky, February 23, 1862. There is no Government record as to place of burial. There is no marker in the cemetery at Elizabethtown indicating his place of burial, and the records of the cemetery before 1869 were destroyed by fire.

Married MARTHA RUSSELL ( -July 9, 1859)

1. THOMAS (May 23, 1858-Jan. 23, 1862)

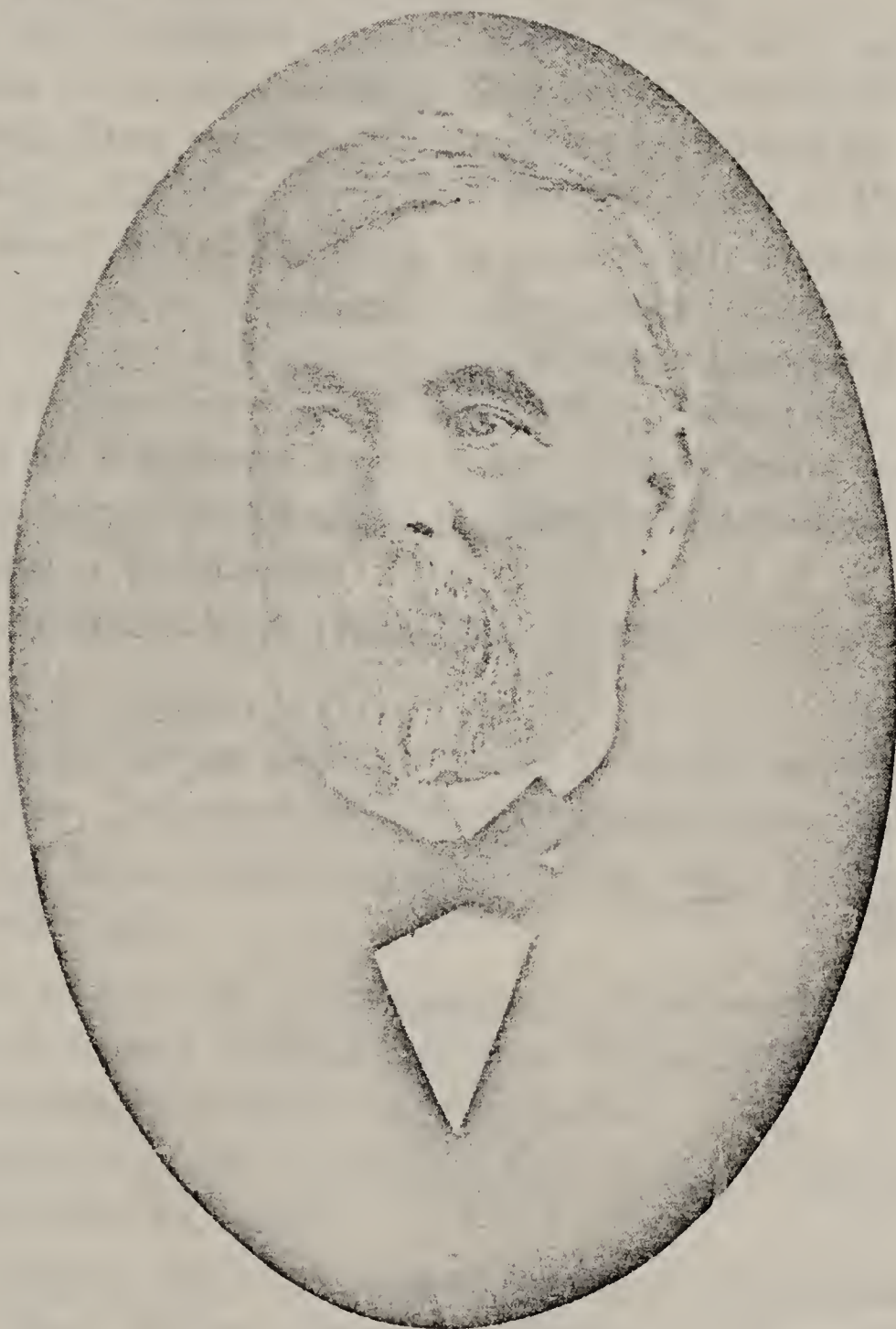
2. MATTIE (May 5, 1859-Sept. 11, 1859)

9. GEORGE (Sept. 29, 1836-Mar. 1, 1863)

Born in Livingston County, New York. Came to Town of Lisbon, Waukesha County, Wisconsin in 1856. At the beginning of the Civil War he was teaching school in Missouri, having followed his older brother, James, to that state. He enlisted at St. Joseph, Missouri and was mustered into service Sept. 3, 1862 at Benton Barracks, Missouri as a private in Co. F, 33rd Regiment Missouri Infantry. He died Mar. 1,







MATTHEW HOWITT (1838-1914)  
*Taken about 1890*





1863 aboard a hospital boat on the Mississippi river. His remains were buried in the Lisbon Central Cemetery.

10. MATTHEW (Jan. 2, 1838–Nov. 1, 1914)

Born in Livingston County, New York, and came with parents to Lisbon township, Waukesha County, Wisconsin in 1856. After reaching his majority he served an apprenticeship in the flouring mill of Ben Boorman at Pewaukee. For about forty-five years he successfully operated grist-mills, driven by water-power, in various locations in Waukesha County. For a short time he was a successful farmer. Held various town and village offices. Chairman County Board of Waukesha County for several years, and principally responsible for the building of the present county building at Waukesha.

Married MARY VASS (1845–Mar. 3, 1873)

1. JOHN W. (Apr. 13, 1871)

With his father dealt in grain, livestock and farm machinery. Treasurer Village of Pewaukee many years.

Married MARY JANE SMALL (Dec. 23, 1845) July 16, 1874 (2nd marriage)

1. BELLE (July 28, 1875) Graduate Pewaukee High School and the State Normal School at Whitewater, Wisconsin. Successful teacher for several years.

Married Rev. RICHARD RUDDICK (Jan. 21, 1867–April 4, 1910) Oct. 10, 1900

1. EVELYN (Dec. 16, 1903) Graduate Pewaukee High School. Private Secretary. Manager Milwaukee Sentinel.

2. ROBERT M. (May 6, 1906) Graduate Pewaukee High School and University of Wisconsin. Associated with Milwaukee Journal.

3. MILDRED (Feb. 23, 1909) Graduate Pewaukee High School. Attended State Teachers College in Milwaukee. Cashier Golden Guernsey Coöperative Dairy Co., Milwaukee.





JOHN HOWITT (1843-1923)  
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2. GEORGE R. (May 8, 1877) Graduate Pewaukee High School and University of Wisconsin. Insurance agent. Served 18 months during World War with American Expeditionary Forces in France. Enlisted Aug. 27, 1917, trained at Fort Sheridan, Commissioned Captain of Infantry U. S. Regular Army Nov. 27, 1917. Went overseas Dec. 1917. Served with British and French troops for training. Assigned to 60th Infantry, U. S. Regular Division. Participated in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne battles. Cited and promoted to Major of Infantry, Nov. 1918. Returned to U. S., May, 1918 and honorably discharged. Department Commander of Wisconsin of the American Legion, 1932-33. President Wisconsin Association for the Disabled, 1936-37. Agent U. S. Guarantee Co., Milwaukee.

Married EDITH C. PROBERT (May 27, 1880) Aug. 5, 1903

3. HARVEY M. (Sept. 25, 1882) Graduate Pewaukee High School. Attended University of Wisconsin. In insurance business in Madison, Wisconsin.

Married MILDRED LOCKWOOD ( —Feb. 1909) — 1908

Married DOROTHY EDGINGTON ( —May, 1934) Aug. 9, 1913

Married VINETA VAUGHN (June 23, 1906) Feb. 28, 1935

- II. JOHN (Apr. 3, 1843-Feb. 10, 1923)

Born in Livingston County, New York and came with parents to Lisbon township, Waukesha County in 1856. He attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison from 1861 to 1864. He entered in the preparatory department and in 1863-64 was entered as a special student, probably following those subjects which would fit him for a teaching career. While here he was roommate of John Muir and coached him in his studies. The friendship was continued many years through correspondence, and later in life John Howitt visited in the home of John Muir in California. John Howitt was a very successful teacher in the public schools of Waukesha County, teaching several winters in the school at

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Sussex. From 1876 to 1887 he was County Superintendent of Schools in Waukesha County, a position which he filled with much satisfaction. Later he was associated with his brother Matthew in the operation of a gristmill at Mukwonago. For many years he was a familiar figure in Waukesha where he was universally respected. He married NELLIE (Mrs. Alexander) REID (July 23, 1838-Feb. 12, 1922)

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- Howitt, Glenn, King City, Missouri.
- Howitt, Harvey M., Madison, Wisconsin.
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